



## MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

*A Roman Catholic Personal Parish  
for the Extraordinary Form  
in the Diocese of Pittsburgh.*

**3rd Sunday after  
Easter**

**May 11, A.D. 2025**

### **Mass Schedule**

**Sundays: 8am, 11am**  
**Monday: 12 Noon**  
**Tuesday: 12 Noon & 7pm**  
**Wednesday through Friday: 12 Noon**  
**1st Friday of Month: 12 Noon & 7pm**  
**Saturday: 9am**

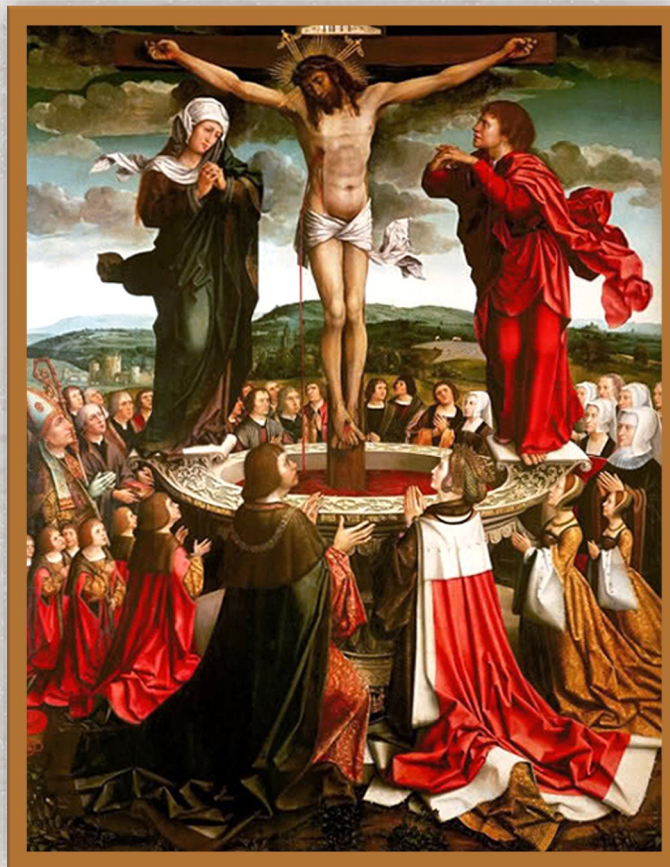
### **Confession Schedule**

**Sundays: 7-8am; 10-11am**  
**Monday-Friday: 11:15-11:45am**  
**Tuesdays: also 6:15-6:45pm**  
**Saturday: 8-8:45am**

*Please consult the Liturgical Schedule on page 2 for particular modifications to this standard schedule.*

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**Pennsylvania Childline** (report suspected child abuse)  
**1-800-932-0313**  
**Protection of Children and Youth** (diocesan office)  
**1-888-808-1235**



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## Liturgical Schedule

### **Sunday, May 11, 2025**

**Third Sunday after Easter, 2nd Class—White**

*Commemoration of Ss. Philip & James*

8AM LMO + Agnes Pacacha (Bob Pacacha)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: Jesus Is Risen (pg. 72)

Recessional: Christ Is Risen From the Dead (pg. 55)

### **Monday, May 12, 2025**

**Ss. Nereus, Achilleus, Domitilla & Pancras, 3rd Class—Red**

12PM LM + Dolores Dvorak (Michael O'Connell Family)

### **Tuesday, May 13, 2025**

**St. Robert Bellarmine, 3rd Class—White**

12PM LM + Capitani & Ladich Families (Lou & Judy Talarico)

7PM LM +Patricia Anderson (Brad & Jenn Dindak)

### **Wednesday, May 14, 2025**

**St. Boniface, 4th Class—Red**

12PM LM Our Children (Chris & Lottie DelSignore)

### **Thursday, May 15, 2025**

**St. John Baptiste de la Salle, 3rd Class—White**

12PM LM Mary Zigarovich (Eva Zigarovich)

8PM Holy Hour of Adoration

9PM Compline

### **Friday, May 16, 2025**

**St. Ubaldus, 3rd Class—White**

12PM LM + Alberta Boylan (Boylan Family)

### **Saturday, May 17, 2025**

**St. Paschal Baylon, 3rd Class—White**

9AM LM Douglas & Bernadette Young 39th Wed. Anniv.(Clare Young)

### **Sunday, May 18, 2025**

**Fourth Sunday after Easter, 2nd Class—White**

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11AM HM + Nancy Rowlands (Tim & Pat Rowlands)

Processional: Good Christian Men Rejoice and Sing (pg. 51)

Recessional: Jesus Is Risen (pg. 72)

LM = Low Mass; LMO = Low Mass with Organ; HM = High/Solemn Mass

## Our Weekly Offerings

*Sunday, May 4, 2025*

Offertory .....\$9,392.00

Parish Appeal 2025 .....\$495.00

Parish Improvement .....\$30.00

Good Friday/Holy Land .....\$5.00

ICRSS/Seminary .....\$3,534.00

ICRSS/Provincial Appeal .....\$100.00

*Faith Direct Report (April 1 – 15, 2025)*

Offertory (incl. Easter/Holy Thursday).....\$9,662.84

Parish Appeal 2025 .....\$3,670.00

Parish Improvement .....\$1,130.00

Good Friday/Holy Land .....\$60.00

ICRSS/Retreat Center .....\$10.00

Easter Flowers.....\$120.00

*Attendance: 8AM 492; 11AM 428; Total 920*

## **Parish Group News**

RESPECT LIFE GROUP (RLG) The Gospel of Life is at the heart of this group. RLG provides support to promote a culture of life through three working subcommittees: Legislation, Education, and Advocacy. For more info contact Brenda Briola at 724-650-5767 or [respectlife@mpboj.com](mailto:respectlife@mpboj.com).

*Next Sunday, May 18, the RLG will be collecting donations after both Masses for Birthright. Your contributions enable this pro-life organization to help girls & women with unplanned pregnancies.*

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS will next meet on **Saturday, June 14th, beginning with the 9AM Mass. Next month's topic will be "On Marriage".** Please contact [christianmothers@mpboj.com](mailto:christianmothers@mpboj.com) for more information. All adult women are welcome to attend.

SURSUM CORDA–YOUNG ADULTS GROUP is a nationwide initiative to foster the spiritual lives of Catholic adults, AGES 18–35, at Institute apostolates. To sign up for the mailing list and receive notice of future events, text **Corda** to 84576 and choose "SC Pittsburgh." For more information, contact José Piñero at 863.450.5143 or [sursumcorda@mpboj.com](mailto:sursumcorda@mpboj.com).

**Sursum Corda Conference - This Friday, May 16th @ 6:30 p.m.** at the Parish Center – Zak Slayback will be speaking on "Catholic Social Teaching & Rerum Novarum" - Dinner and drinks provided, cash donations gratefully accepted.

## **Thank You, Parishioners**

Sister Loraine Marie Clare, Mother Superior of the Little Sisters of the Poor, wrote a gracious thank you letter extending her gratitude for the parish Easter donation of \$2,500. This gift was made possible by your generosity to the Poor Box second collection. May God bless you abundantly for your charity.

## **Parish Picnic May 25th**

Please join us for the parish's annual Memorial Day Picnic on **Sunday, May 25th, from 2–9 p.m.** at the Museum Building of South Park. Live band, bouncy house, and more. Please bring a pot-luck dish:



- If your last name begins with A-I, bring a starch dish
- If your last name begins with J-Q, bring a fruit or vegetable dish
- If your last name begins with R-Z, bring a dessert.

No tickets are necessary for entry this year. *We will need many volunteers to help with food, drinks, activities, setup, cleanup, and more.* If you are willing and able to help, contact Mike at [mike.konopelski@gmail.com](mailto:mike.konopelski@gmail.com).

## **Coffee & Donuts? Not Today!**

You can count the weeks until Summer Coffee & Donuts return after the Low Mass on Sunday, June 1st, but for today and the next two weeks, you are sadly on your own.

## **"Shroud Encounter" May 22**

Join us at Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center in Villa Maria, Pa. on Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 7pm. This presentation is a fast-moving, big-screen experience using over 200 images to explore the profound mystery of the Shroud of Turin. The program will be presented by international expert and author, Russ Breault. Mr. Breault has been featured in several national documentaries seen on CBS, History Channel, Discovery, and EWTN.



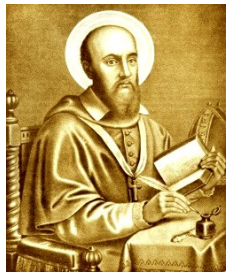
There is no charge, but *pre-registration is requested.* We are also hosting this program via Zoom for those who wish to join us online. Go to [vmesc.org](http://vmesc.org) or call 724-964-8886 for more information or to register.

## **Second Collection Next Week**

The diocesan second collection next Sunday, May 18th is for Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Latin America, the Church in Central & Eastern Europe, and the Church in Africa.

**Introduction to the Devout Life**  
 By St. Francis de Sales  
**Spiritual and Sensible Consolations, and  
 How to Receive Them**  
 (Book 4, Chapter 14—Part 3)

2. Nevertheless these tender warm emotions are sometimes good and useful, for they kindle the spiritual appetite, cheer the mind, and infuse a holy gladness into the devout life, which embellishes all we do even externally. It was such a taste for holy things that made David cry out, "O how sweet are Thy words unto my throat, yea, sweeter than honey unto my mouth." And assuredly the tiniest little comfort received through devotion is worth far more than the most abundant delights of this world.



The milk of the Heavenly Bridegroom, in other words His spiritual favors, are sweeter to the soul than the costliest wine of the pleasures of this world, and to those who have tasted thereof all else seems but as gall and wormwood. There is a certain herb which, if chewed, imparts so great a sweetness that they who keep it in their mouth cannot hunger or thirst; even so those to whom God gives His Heavenly manna of interior sweetness and consolation, cannot either desire or even accept worldly consolations with any real zest or satisfaction. It is as a little foretaste of eternal blessedness which God gives to those who seek it; it is as the sugar-plum with which He attracts His little ones; as a cordial offered to strengthen their heart; as the first-fruits of their future reward. The legend tells us that Alexander the Great discovered Arabia Felix by means of the perfumes carried by the winds across the ocean upon which he sailed, reviving his courage and that of his comrades. And so the blessings and sweetnesses, which are wafted to us as we sail across the stormy sea of this mortal life, are a foretaste of the bliss of that Ever-blessed Heavenly Home to which we look and long.

3. But, perhaps you will say, if there are sensible consolations which are undoubtedly good and come from God, and at the same time others which are unprofitable, perilous, even harmful, because they proceed from mere natural causes, or even from the Enemy himself, how am I to know one from the other, or distinguish what is most profitable even among those which are good? It is a general rule, with respect to the feelings and affections, that their test is in their fruits. Our hearts are as trees, of which the affections and passions are their branches, and deeds and acts their fruits. That is, a good heart, of which the affections are good, and those are good affections which result in good and

holy actions. If our spiritual tenderness and sweetness and consolation make us more humble—patient, forbearing, charitable and kindly towards our neighbors—more earnest in mortifying our own evil inclinations and lusts, more diligent in our duties, more docile and submissive to those who have a claim to our obedience, more simple in our whole manner of life—then doubtless, my child, they come from God. But if this sweetness and tenderness is sweet only to ourselves, if we are fanciful, bitter, punctilious, impatient, obstinate, proud, presumptuous, harsh towards our neighbor, while reckoning ourselves as half-made saints, indocile to correction or guidance, then we may be assured our consolations are spurious and hurtful. A good tree will bring forth none save good fruit. (*To be cont'd.*)

**“Malcolm and Teresa” Play**

Saint Genesis of Rome Theatre Group presents Cathal Gallagher’s play *Malcolm and Teresa*. This intriguing play follows the story of British reporter Malcolm Muggeridge and his life-changing encounter with Mother Teresa. Stage performances will be held at the **Diocesan Pastoral Center** in the **Bishop McDowell Auditorium** on **Thursday, May 22 at 7pm** and **Saturday, May 24 at 2pm and 7pm**. Suggested donation of \$10 for adults, and \$5 for students. Clergy, Religious, Seminarians and young children are free. For more information, visit [sgrtheatergroup.com](http://sgrtheatergroup.com), or contact Jude Young: 412-491-4415 or [judeyoung4321@gmail.com](mailto:judeyoung4321@gmail.com).



**91<sup>st</sup> Pittsburgh Eucharistic Rosary March**  
 Sunday, May 18, 2025  
 Epiphany Church - 164 Washington Place  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15219

**Holy Mass: 1:30 pm**  
**Principal Mass Celebrant**  
**Rev. Michael R. Ackerman**

*After Mass the Holy Rosary will be prayed in procession from Epiphany Church through the City of Pittsburgh, returning to Epiphany Church where there will be Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Crowning of Our Lady of Fatima.*

*The purpose of the Rosary March is to promote devotion to our Eucharistic Lord and our Blessed Mother Mary. For those who cannot process, the Holy Rosary will be prayed at Epiphany Church while the other participants are marching.*

*The Eucharistic Rosary March is sponsored by the Legion of Mary, founded by the Servant of God, Frank Duff in 1921.*

*For information on the Legion of Mary, please call Deacon Robert Jancart at 267-549-0909 or visit <https://pittsburghregia.com>.*

**“O Mary, conceived without sin,  
 pray for us who have recourse to thee”**

**YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS**  
 PITTSBURGH, PA

**YCP Launch Party**

Thursday, May 15 | 7:00 - 9:00 pm  
 Heinz History Center  
 1212 Smallman St, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

**RSVP HERE!**  
[YCPPITTSBURGH.ORG](http://YCPPITTSBURGH.ORG)

## To All of Our Guests...

The Canons and faithful of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish welcome you to our parish and to the Traditional Mass, celebrated in accordance with the classical Roman Liturgy. This personal parish was established by Bishop David Zubik on July 1, 2019, the feast of *The Most Precious Blood of Jesus*. Our parishioners come from all over the diocese for the prayerful tranquility of the Traditional Mass.

According to liturgical tradition, Holy Communion is received on the tongue, kneeling at the communion rail. Reception of Holy Communion is the sign of Divine and Ecclesial unity, so only practicing Catholics, free from mortal sin and who have observed the Eucharistic fast, may present themselves for Holy Communion. Visitors who are not of the Catholic Faith are welcome to join in prayer, but are requested not to receive Holy Communion. Those who need a low gluten Host should inform the usher as they approach the Communion rail, at the end of the distribution line for Holy Communion.

For more information about the parish, contact the Parish Office at 412-761-1508.

The pastoral care of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish is provided by  
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### General Information

**Bulletin Announcements:** Requests for proposed bulletin announcements must be submitted **ten days in advance** of the publication date. Submit to [bulletin@mpboj.com](mailto:bulletin@mpboj.com).

**Mass Intentions:** The Parish Mass Intention Registry is currently CLOSED. Mass intentions are accepted at specific periods in the year and announced in the bulletin. Instructions and forms are available during those periods.

**Parish News:** The parish uses **Flocknote** to circulate news and information. Please text MPBOJ to 84576 from your cell phone and follow the instructions, or check the parish website ([MPBOJ.com](http://MPBOJ.com)) for more information.

**Parish Materials/Events:** At both church entrances, there are racks containing church forms, reading materials and prayer cards. Please feel free to take what you need, but do not leave any materials without explicit permission from the Pastor. Parish events publicized on the bulletin boards at both entrances. If you are involved in an event that you would like to publicize or schedule, please provide a copy of the notice or request to [office@mpboj.com](mailto:office@mpboj.com) for approval.

**On Line Contributions:** Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish greatly appreciates all donations and contributions. If you are interested in making on-line contributions via Faith Direct, please visit: [membership.faithdirect.net/PA678](http://membership.faithdirect.net/PA678) or call 866-507-8757.

**Catholic Faith Formation and Spiritual needs:** For those seeking to join the Catholic faith, or who wish spiritual direction, please call the Parish Office for information.

**Rosary:** The Rosary is publicly recited one-half hour before most parish Masses.

### Sacramental Information

**Penance:** The parish offers the sacrament of penance forty-five minutes prior to each Mass. Confessionals are located on the Epistle (right-hand) side of the church, with a sign indicating where to stand for the line. There is an accessible confessional located on the right side of the double confessional, where the kneeler can be lifted for easy access. Both sides of the double confessional may be occupied at the same time. Start your confession when you hear the priest's blessing.

**Infant Baptism:** Baptism should be administered within two weeks of birth. Please call the Parish Office prior to the baby's birth, to begin arrangements.

**Holy Matrimony:** Couples planning to marry at the parish must contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance, to schedule an appointment to begin marriage preparation instructions.

**First Holy Communion and Confirmation:** School age students receive First Holy Communion and the sacrament of Confirmation as part of our Catechism Program. Please see the parish website for registration instructions.

**Extreme Unction/Anointing of the Sick:** If you need the assistance of a priest for someone who is dying, please contact the Parish Office at 412-761-1508. If after hours, listen to the prompts and select option #1.

**Funerals:** The funeral home should directly contact the Parish Office to make Mass and burial arrangements.

**Sacramental Records/Letters of Good Standing:** To obtain sacramental records or a letter in good standing, please contact the Parish Office at 412-761-1508 for instructions.

### Safety Awareness

In an effort to make Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish a safe place for all parishioners and visitors alike, please be mindful of our urban neighborhood and the constant traffic. If visiting the parish for Mass or a social event, parents should ensure their children's safety by maintaining prudent watch and supervision of their children at all times. When children are registered and/or involved in a parish related activity overseen by a parish program manager (e.g., Children's Choir; Catechism; altar server practice), at least one parent/guardian must remain on site for the duration of the program.

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